

**A Case Study of the Trans-cultural Psychosocial Organisation
(TPO) in Northern Uganda and the Hero Book Project Working
with Forcibly Displaced Child Soldiers as Examples of an
Alternative Healing to the PTSD Model.**

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List of Acronyms

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| AIDS | Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome |
| CBT | Cognitive Behavioural Therapy |
| DRC | Democratic Republic of Congo |
| DSM | Diagnostic Statistical Manual for all Mental Disorders |
| FMSP | Forced Migration Studies Programme |
| HIV | Human Immuno Virus |
| ICC | International Criminal Court |
| LRA | Lord Resistance Army Rebels |
| NCTSN | National Child Traumatic Stress Network |
| NGOs | Non Governmental Organisations |
| PTSD | Post Traumatic Stress Disorder |
| REPSSI | Access to the Regional Psychosocial Initiative |
| SADC | Southern Africa Development Community |
| SANPAD | South African Netherlands Project on Alternative Development |
| SIDA | Swedish Development Agency |
| TPO | Transcultural Psychosocial Organization |
| UPDF | United Patrotic Defence Force |
| ZNA | Zimbabwe National Army |